

HOUSE RESOLUTION 332

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the good people of  
Highland Park Elementary School for their  
efforts to commemorate Earth Day 2004.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those educational institutions who are committed to academic excellence and education of all types, both inside and outside the classroom; and

WHEREAS, the good people of Highland Park Elementary School in Loudon County comprise one such exceptional institution that is devoted to producing young people who are fully enlightened both intellectually and as citizens of this great state, our nation, and the world; and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2004, Highland Park Elementary School will celebrate Earth Day with a number of special programs and events; and

WHEREAS, throughout April, the students in each classroom of the kindergarten through fourth grade school will observe the metamorphosis of different insects, which will be released into their natural habitats in commemoration of Earth Day; and

WHEREAS, the Highland Park Eagles will most befittingly adopt an eagle from the eagle sanctuary at Dollywood as an Earth Day Project; and

WHEREAS, during the Earth Day festivities, students will rotate through various educational stations, which will focus on such vital topics as recycling, geology, landfills, papermaking, polymers, ultraviolet bracelets, planting, sundials, and soil experimentation; and

WHEREAS, to demonstrate the importance of the topic and set a fine example, the speaker of the recycling station will collect unused computer items and take them to a recycling station; soft drink cans, plastic water bottles, and other plastics used on Earth Day will also be collected and recycled, serving dual purposes by protecting the environment and supporting education since proceeds will be used to buy equipment for the gymnasium; and

WHEREAS, to display solidarity, the PTO is acquiring and distributing Earth Day shirts to be worn on Earth Day; and

WHEREAS, the event was organized in accordance with Tennessee State Science Standards and is designed to help students gain knowledge about Earth that will make them more aware of why they need to take care of their home and protect the environment and its resources; and

WHEREAS, this celebration was made possible by a grant from the Loudon County Education Foundation; the parental support through the PTO, volunteers, and community support have once again provided invaluable assistance to the laudable teachers of Highland Park and Principal David Meers; and

WHEREAS, it is a duty incumbent upon this Legislative Body to commend and applaud those admirable organizations and persons that have come together to commemorate the splendor of our natural environment; and

WHEREAS, the dedication to excellence in education demonstrated by all the fine individuals affiliated with Highland Park Elementary School is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we join with the administration, faculty, staff, students, and parents of Highland Park Elementary School in celebrating Earth Day 2004 and honor and commend them for their efforts to protect the environment directly at present and provide for future protection through education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.